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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/058,609	<b>Applicant(s)</b> SUGIYAMA, TADASHI	
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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.  
     4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 January 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
     a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hosokawa et al. [6,163,666]

Hosokawa et al. disclose a process cartridge [4] comprising an image carrier unit [10] including a casing [Fig. 2], an image carrier [12], image carrier supporting tool [32], a charging means [13], side plates [10a, 10b] holding side surface portions of the image carrier unit; a developing unit [11] including a developing roller [18], side plates [11a, 11b] holding side surface portions of the developing unit; an aligning device including a recess portion formed in one of the side plates, and a projecting portion formed on the other side plates, and configured to align the image carrier unit with respect to the developing unit as the recess portion and the projecting portion are fit with each other [Col. 5, line 45 to Col. 7, line 20]; and a fixation tool [44].

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person

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having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 2 and 3 are under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hosokawa et al. in view of Watanabe et al. [6,163,665]

Hosokawa et al., as discussed above, disclose the claimed invention except for an aligning portion configured to align the charging means within the image carrier unit, a cover member and an urging member.

Watanabe et al. disclose a process cartridge [B] comprising an aligning portion [Col. 23, lines 40-52] configured to align the charging means within the image carrier unit, a cover member [13] and an urging member [8b] provided on the cover member [Fig. 23].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have the process cartridge disclosed by Hosokawa et al. having an aligning portion configured to align the charging means within the image carrier unit, a cover member and an urging member provided on the cover member as taught by Watanabe et al. for the purpose of improving the positional accuracy of the charging means within the process cartridge.

5. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hosokawa et al. in view of Matsuzaki et al. [6,266,502]

Hosokawa et al., as discussed above, disclose the claimed invention except a cleaning member.

Matsuzaki et al. disclose a process cartridge comprising a cleaning means [10] including reinforcing member [Col. 7, lines 15-58].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention

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was made to have the process cartridge disclosed by Hosokawa et al. with a cleaning means including reinforcing member as taught by Matsuzaki et al. for the purpose of cleaning the surface of the image carrier more effective.

***Contact Information***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoan H. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-2141. The examiner can normally be reached from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Arthur Grimley can be reached at (571) 272-2136. The central office fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

HHT  
December 10, 2005

  
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